

## Health Care Solutions Survey Results

**Bakersfield Town Hall** (August 26, 2009)

**Paso Robles Town Hall** (September 2, 2009)

**1. Tax incentives for individuals & families to purchase health insurance independently of their employer –**

Bakersfield	Yes – 75%	No- 10%	Maybe- 15%
<u>Paso Robles</u>	<u>73%</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>17%</u>
COMBINED TOTAL	74%	10%	16%

**2. Allow individuals and companies to purchase health insurance across state lines-**

Bakersfield	Yes- 91%	No- 3%	Maybe- 6%
<u>Paso Robles</u>	<u>88%</u>	<u>4%</u>	<u>8%</u>
COMBINED TOTAL	89.5%	3.5%	7%

**3. Allow small business to band together to pool and reduce risk when purchasing health insurance-**

Bakersfield	Yes- 93%	No- 2%	Maybe- 5%
<u>Paso Robles</u>	<u>88%</u>	<u>4%</u>	<u>8%</u>
COMBINED TOTAL	90.5%	3%	6.5%

**4. Allow young adults to stay on their parents' health insurance plan until they are 25 years old-**

Bakersfield	Yes- 78%	No- 9%	Maybe- 13%
<u>Paso Robles</u>	<u>73%</u>	<u>8%</u>	<u>19%</u>
COMBINED TOTAL	75.5%	8.5%	16%

**5. Allow all Americans the ability to participate in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program-**

Bakersfield	Yes- 57%	No-19%	Maybe- 24%
<u>Paso Robles</u>	<u>63%</u>	<u>12%</u>	<u>25%</u>
COMBINED TOTAL	60%	15.5%	24.5%

**6. Expand the use of, and reduce limitations on, Health Savings Accounts-**

Bakersfield	Yes- 79%	No-6%	Maybe- 15%
<u>Paso Robles</u>	<u>73%</u>	<u>8%</u>	<u>19%</u>
COMBINED TOTAL	76%	7%	17%

**7. Encourage states to create high-risk pools to help individuals with preexisting conditions afford insurance-**

Bakersfield	Yes- 71%	No- 11%	Maybe -18%
<u>Paso Robles</u>	<u>67%</u>	<u>12%</u>	<u>21%</u>
COMBINED TOTAL	69%	11.5%	19.5%

**8. Allow terminally ill patients the choice to receive experimental treatments-**

Bakersfield	Yes- 88%	No- 3%	Maybe- 9%
<u>Paso Robles</u>	<u>83%</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>14%</u>
COMBINED TOTAL	85.5%	3%	11.5%

**9. Reform costly medical liability abuse to cut down on frivolous lawsuits and duplicative and unnecessary tests-**

Bakersfield	Yes- 91%	No- 3%	Maybe- 6%
<u>Paso Robles</u>	<u>85%</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>10%</u>
COMBINED TOTAL	88%	4%	8%

**10. Standardize insurance forms, claims, and medical bills to increase transparency and cut paperwork costs-**

Bakersfield	Yes- 89%	No- 3%	Maybe- 8%
Paso Robles	87%	2%	11%
COMBINED TOTAL	88%	2.5%	9.5%

**11. Increase focus on wellness and preventative care-**

Bakersfield	Yes- 84%	No-4%	Maybe- 12%
Paso Robles	80%	5%	15%
COMBINED TOTAL	82%	4.5%	13.5%

**12. Create incentives for doctors and nurses to practice medicine in underserved or rural communities-**

Bakersfield	Yes- 77%	No-6%	Maybe- 17%
Paso Robles	78%	5%	17%
COMBINED TOTAL	77.5%	5.5%	17%

**13. Reform how Medicare pays doctors to better reflect the cost of providing medical services to seniors-**

Bakersfield	Yes-80%	No- 2%	Maybe- 18%
Paso Robles	79%	4%	17%
COMBINED TOTAL	79.5%	3%	17.5%

**14. Allow hospitals and doctors to work together to increase quality of care while lowering costs-**

Bakersfield	Yes- 92%	No-1%	Maybe- 7%
Paso Robles	86%	2%	12%
COMBINED TOTAL	89%	1.5%	9.5%

**15. Require individuals who use emergency rooms for non-emergencies to pay higher co-pays-**

Bakersfield	Yes- 83%	No-7%	Maybe- 10%
<u>Paso Robles</u>	<u>73%</u>	<u>11%</u>	<u>16%</u>
COMBINED TOTAL	78%	9%	13%

**16. Ensure insurance claim approval and payment process decisions are made by medical professionals like doctors-**

Bakersfield	Yes- 81%	No-4%	Maybe- 15%
<u>Paso Robles</u>	<u>79%</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>18%</u>
COMBINED TOTAL	80%	3.5%	16.5%

**17. Create incentives to use urgent care centers to reduce emergency room visits for non-emergencies-**

Bakersfield	Yes- 88%	No-3%	Maybe- 9%
<u>Paso Robles</u>	<u>85%</u>	<u>3%</u>	<u>12%</u>
COMBINED TOTAL	86.5%	3%	10.5%